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Kabelwerk Meissen

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1. In early July 1955, VEB Kabelwerk Meissen received a delivery of 15 metric tons of cable insulation paper. The delivering firm was not known.

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2. As of early July 1955, one entire shift in the Synthetic Materials Department at VEB Kabelwerk Meissen was laid off because of a shortage of polyvinyl chloride powder, which is delivered by VEB Buna Werke Schkopau and VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld. Softening oil was also in short supply. Since the production of the other departments at VEB Kabelwerk Meissen is dependent upon the production of the Synthetic Materials Department, about one-third of the plant machinery was idle as of early July. Workers who were idle were transported to the Niedermueschitz Agricultural Production Cooperative (LPG) to work in the fields. Technical personnel were also shipped to the Niedermueschitz LPG, but were assigned the less arduous task of picking cherries.

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